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Student killed near campus

Japanese grad student touched many lives

By Heather Aja &
April Patti
Staff Editors

Friends and acquaintances of Atsuko Ikeda have spent the past week struggling to come to terms with her death and remembering the qualities that made her stand out as a gentle spirit.

Many gathered at a Buddhist ceremony Saturday to reminisce and help her spirit move from this world to the next.

"You gave me a little short time to know you. If we meet again, I will not pass you by," Nanji Cho slowly said as tears ran down her face. "I want to know you better next time."

Cho read a letter to Ikeda in front of the slain student's friends. "I remember how you loved nature, and how you taught me to protect it."

Ikeda, 37, was a lively and independent woman, those who knew her said.

"She had a strong spirit," said Masako Okawa, a student in the School of International Studies.

Okawa met Ikeda in June.

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Photo by Sean McCarthy
Faculty, staff and students gather Sept. 30 in the chapel for a service in memory of Atsuko Ikeda.



Winooski teen charged with first-degree murder

By Heather Aja &
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As Atsuko Ikeda was riding her bicycle home around 8 p.m. on Sept. 27, she was attacked and beaten to death about 20 feet from her Winooski residence.

Sexton, 18, told police he walked out of the basement of his 15 Lapointe St. home after killing his cat, and beat Ikeda to death with his fists.

Sexton said the killing was random. "This was not a provoked thing. I saw someone on a bicycle, heard her scream and I went after her, I think," he told Sgt. Richard Benoit of the Winooski Police Department.

St. Michael's Rescue arrived and found Ikeda, who had no pulse, lying in the middle of the street with bruises on her right eyelid and multiple injuries to the head and chest, Winooski Police said.

They transported her to Fletcher Allen Health Care.

After Ikeda was removed from the scene, Winooski Police Lt. Rainer Sheehan found Sexton lying face down wearing no shoes or socks in the middle of



Photo by Peter Huoppi,
for the Burlington Free Press

Jacob Sexton, 18, of Winooski stands beside his lawyer, public defender Robert Backus, in District Court of Vermont on Thursday morning. Sexton was charged with second-degree murder. The charge was changed to first-degree murder Sept. 29.

Lapointe Street, blocking the intersection of Lapointe and LaFountain streets.

Sheehan noted Sexton's hands to be extremely bloody and swollen with cuts on the knuckles.

"Just go ahead and cuff me. I know I did something really bad, I'm just not sure what," Sexton said.

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Regional report calls SMC's lack of diversity 'alarming'

By Vickie Welch
Staff Writer

Following the recent visit to St. Michael's, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges released the results of their evaluation of the college, which commented on the college's lack of diversity, leaving the school pondering how to promote and expand multiculturalism.

"We anticipated these findings," said Jerry Flanagan, vice president of admissions.

"Previous NEASC reports have stated the same thing and we haven't made much progress,"

he said.

The report stated, "Support for ALANA [Asian, Latino, African-American/Black, and Native American] students is limited...The lack of diversity among the students is alarming. There need to be aggressive efforts to increase the ALANA population."

Flanagan said the school has had difficulty creating and maintaining a core group of ALANA students, but the lack of diversity has not been the result of lack of effort.

"For us, we have a major challenge in the respect that we

are the whitest state in the nation," Flanagan said.

"Many people of color have trepidation about coming to Vermont."

Junior Olatunde Adekola said trying to sell St. Michael's as an appealing school to minority groups is difficult.

"We're not diverse, but trying to sell a Vermont school to minority students is tough," Adekola said.

"A lot of them don't know anything about Vermont," he said.

"If you're not going to give them scholarships and aid, it's

hard to get them here," he said.

Adekola said another factor making it difficult for students to attend St. Michael's is the selectivity of the school.

"St. Mike's is a tough school to get into," Adekola said. "The standards are pretty high."

He said most of the ALANA students he knows are attending the school on scholarships.

Kyle Dodson, director of multicultural student affairs, said the NEASC findings are difficult to interpret because they fail to examine how much money is put into funding with the goal of promoting diversity.

"The findings are a problem. Our diversity is atrocious, but most New England colleges are atrocious, some less than others," he said.

"To really show the powers that be that we're not even doing as well compared to these other New England Schools, a comparative analysis is better [than the NEASC report]."

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St. Michael's College Security Log

Excerpts from the Sept. 22 through Sept. 28 security report. Compiled by Director of Security Peter Soons.

Friday, Sept. 22

12:42 a.m. Vandalism on Route 15
12:56 a.m. 911 hang up in Ryan Hall
1:38 a.m. Noise complaint in the 200s
8:45 a.m. Parking enforcement main campus
11:04 a.m. Assist in Chapel
8:27 p.m. Odor violation in Joyce Hall

Saturday, Sept. 23

12:02 a.m. Noise complaint in the 300s
12:11 a.m. Alcohol violation in Alumni Hall
12:37 a.m. Noise complaint in Ryan Hall
1:15 a.m. Alcohol violation in the 200s
1:55 a.m. Drunkenness in the 200s
1:58 a.m. Assault in the 400s
12:08 p.m. Medical assist in the 300s

1:47 p.m. Medical assist in the 300s
3:42 p.m. Motor vehicle accident at Ross Sports Center
5:34 p.m. Motor vehicle assist at Hamel Hall

Sunday, Sept. 24

12:01 a.m. Motor vehicle assist at Cheray Hall
12:41 a.m. Disorderly conduct in Alumni Hall
1:03 a.m. Drunkenness in the 200s
1:38 a.m. Drunkenness in Ryan Hall
1:58 a.m. Noise complaint in the 300s
5:39 a.m. Fire alarm in Ryan Hall
6:20 p.m. Larceny/theft in the 200s
11:45 p.m. Safety incident in tennis courts
11:50 p.m. Vandalism in tennis courts

Monday, Sept. 25

6:44 p.m. Motor vehicle accident in the 100s

Tuesday, Sept. 26

7:15 a.m. Complaint in Klein
1:25 p.m. Assist in Joyce Hall
1:30 p.m. Theft at St. Edmund's Hall
8:31 p.m. 911 hang-up in Senior Hall
11:38 p.m. Motor vehicle operation at the rotunda

Wednesday, Sept. 27

2:14 a.m. Noise complaint in Purtill Hall
7:50 a.m. Parking enforcement at main campus
9:11 a.m. Towed vehicle at Founders Hall
10:06 a.m. Towed vehicle at Ryan Hall
10:50 a.m. Parking complaint at the rotunda

2:50 p.m. Fire alarm in Alliot Hall
7:13 p.m. Complaint in Purtill Hall
11:23 p.m. Trouble alarm in St. Edmund's Hall

Thursday, Sept. 28

1:00 a.m. Medical assist at Joyce Hall
2:20 a.m. Disorderly conduct in Alliot Hall
6:00 a.m. Assist in Alumni Hall
7:35 a.m. Parking enforcement on main campus
4:45 p.m. Trespassing at Ethan Allen Apartments
6:17 p.m. Heat call on College Parkway
10:25 p.m. Animal complaint in the 100s
11:10 p.m. Odor violation in Joyce Hall
11:46 p.m. Noise complaint in the 200s

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Phish donates money to clean up the lake

Money given to WaterWheel to rid Lake Champlain of pollution

By Matt Leon
Staff Writer

WaterWheel, a non-profit organization created by Phish, announced in August, that it will donate \$100,000 dollars to the Conservation Law Foundation's efforts to clean up pollution in Lake Champlain.

The Conservation Law Foundation is a nonprofit, public interest group based in New England, whose goal is to work on natural threats to the environment and the health of those in the region.

While Phish did not institute the WaterWheel Foundation, which oversaw all of it's charitable activities until 1997, they have had a tradition of philanthropic projects since the early 1990's.

The lake is plagued by pollution problems.

The money from WaterWheel will go to specific problems in order to halt the pollution of the lake and begin cleaning it up.

Phish did not become involved with Lake Champlain until 1995, when Ben & Jerry's proposed the ice cream flavor "Phish Food" to the band.

When the band agreed to the flavor, it decided that all royalties coming from Ben & Jerry's would go towards Lake Champlain clean-up campaigns.

A Greenpeace table was a mainstay at their shows until 1997, when Phish set up WaterWheel's Touring Division.

This division donates all the proceeds generated at a show to a non-profit organization based within the city hosting that show.

Aside from the touring division, WaterWheel is involved in many projects within Vermont including Lake Champlain cleanup efforts.

"Lake Champlain is in pretty bad shape," said Christopher Killian, an advocate at the CLF



Photo by Matt Frawley

Phish donated \$100,000 to WaterWheel to help clean up the pollution that plagues Lake Champlain.

center in Vermont.

Almost the entire lake is in violation of Vermont Water quality standards, due to pollution from Mercury from Midwest coal burning plants and especially phosphorus, which comes from Vermont's farm, city-streets, and strip mall runoff into the lake, Killian said.

These levels of mercury and phosphorus can cause public health risks. There have already been cases of dog deaths from algae balloons and there has been

an increase in beach closings.

"I didn't know the Lake was that bad," said freshman Kate Corsini, "but it's cool what Phish is doing."

Killian said that although the pollution has gotten progressively worse for the last 20 to 30 years, advancements have been made in the last five years towards stopping the problem and the next five are extremely critical.

According to WaterWheel's homepage, "Some significant progress has been made towards stemming the various problems, but there is a long way to go."

In these next years, the money from WaterWheel will take on a specific focus, a three pronged strategy designed to eliminate further pollution of the Lake.

This strategy includes monitoring how the storm water management system is run, focusing

on appropriate farm techniques to make sure that run-off is not dangerous to the lake, and addressing point sources of pollution from industry.

"The band wants to raise awareness about the environment," said junior Brian Monsell.

"It shows that society as a whole is becoming more environmentally conscious."

In the past, WaterWheel has donated more than \$118,000 to efforts to clean up Lake Champlain.

"It shows their dedication to keep the Lake clean and their love and appreciation of Vermont," said junior Mike Ziolkowski.

"Vermont is polluting Lake Champlain and Vermont should be responsible for cleaning it up," Killian said.

"Lake Champlain is in pretty bad shape."

Christopher Killian,
Conservation advocate

News

Guess who's coming to dinner?

First-year seminar adds conversations to class

By Debi Tanner
Staff Writer

Five college students enjoying dinner and good conversation together in the St. Michael's cafeteria doesn't sound like a big deal. How about five students of different ethnicities?

Lack of diversity is exactly why Kyle Dodson, director of multicultural student affairs, and professor Lorrie Smith, came up with the idea of supplementing their Race and Relations in the 21st Century first-year seminar.

They required their students to meet with students from different ethnic and racial backgrounds each week.

"Finding opportunities to put our students into a diverse context is an incredible challenge, given the fact that this campus is a fair reflection of Vermont, which is consistently voted as the whitest state," Dodson said.

Dodson said that these meetings were necessary in order for the students to "appreciate" and to "relate to different lifestyles."

These meetings, which Dodson and Smith refer to as "dinner conversations," consist of five students.

One student from Dodson's class, one from Smith's class, a former student from the class, an Asian, Latino, African-

American/Black, and Native American (ALANA) student, and a student from the School of International Studies.

The students don't have to dine together, but it is a good way to fit the meetings into everyone's hectic schedules.

The main focus of the meetings is to diversify the students and to bring them together.

The students don't follow a strict format, but instead they talk about their days, their classes, and inevitably their differences.

According to Smith, the meetings are about "trying to break down cultural boundaries and for the students to realize that they are really not that different."

Dodson and Smith both admit that the toughest part so far is actually getting everyone to get together.

One student from each of their classes is required to meet, but all of the others are volunteers.

The meetings are supposed to occur once a week, but many have not followed through.

Dodson said the meetings are not graded, but are considered as a part of class participation.

The students are also encouraged to write in an online journal reflecting on their experiences at the dinner meetings.

Some students have yet to

meet this year.

Erika Enge, a junior, and ALANA student, has only had one meeting so far this year.

"You get a different outlook on another student's opinion, and the more you respect their opinions and their views, the more you get to know the individual," she said.

Enge, the only African-American female in her class, is at an advantage when it comes to "fitting in."

She said that she feels "completely comfortable" here.

Enge does however agree that the dinner conversation meetings are helpful.

Senior Norman Brisco is participating in the dinner conversations as one of the ALANA volunteers.

Brisco took the class his freshman year, but dinner conversations were not yet in place.

He recalls that at the time they had only begun experimenting with the idea.

"I think it's a really good way to break the mold of racial issues because a lot of us are afraid to talk about race - especially young people," Brisco said.

Brisco finds the dinner conversation meetings to be a good opportunity to educate one another about their cultures.

St. Mike's students walk to help AIDS research



Photo by Sean McCarthy

Juniors Kristin Lefebvre, Kirsten Ryan, Jillian Hart and Caitlin Isabelle members of the AIDS house, walk downtown to help raise money for AIDS research.

SMC physics department hires astrophysicist

Princeton graduate Dr. Alain Brizard teaches astronomy and modern physics

By Christine Lesh
Staff Writer

Dr. Alain Brizard, an astrophysicist and Princeton graduate, is a new addition to the St. Michael's physics department this year.

"I like to add a little bit of drama," admits Dr. Alain Brizard, who is originally from Montreal, believes that it is "especially important to convey the human aspect of science."

Brizard obtained his undergraduate degree from a military school outside of Montreal and performed 11 years of military service, but he realized that, "even though I was advancing in rank, I became more interested in physics."

After instructing physics at a military college, Brizard discovered his true calling - teaching. Obtaining his doctorate in physics from Princeton, Brizard taught at a private high school in San Francisco as well as at Cal Berkeley.

Though his field of study is complex and often overwhelming to those not adept in the sciences, Brizard keeps it simple.

"I am a theorist. I don't need machines or an experiment all I need is a computer and a pen and

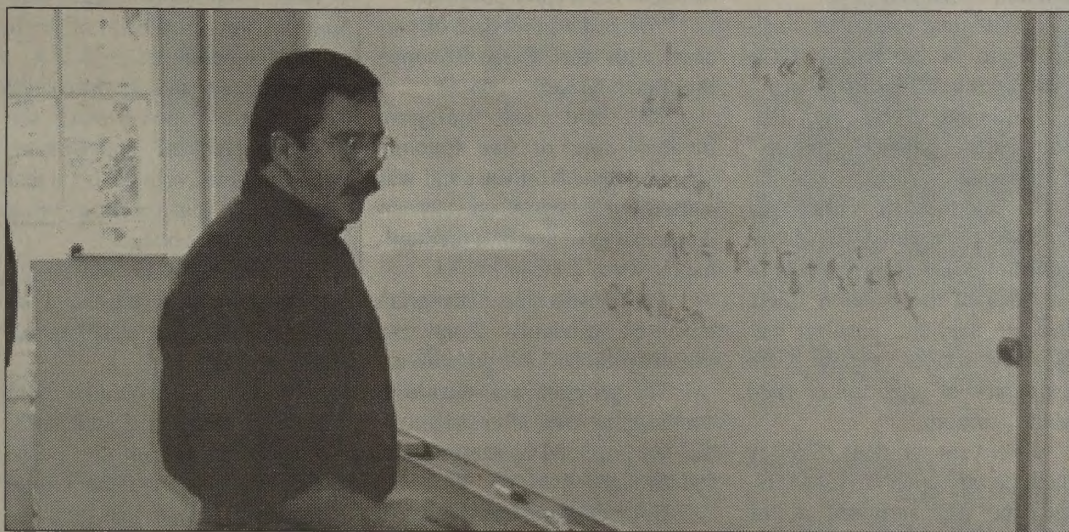


Photo by Sean McCarthy

Physics professor Alain Brizard moved to Vermont to be closer to his family and to teach here at St. Michael's.

pencil."

After the birth of his son Peter, now 4 years old, Brizard and his wife, Dinah, decided to someday move back to the east coast to be closer to family members.

They felt that it was "rather unfortunate that Peter would grow up out of close contact with his relatives."

After reading an advertisement on the Internet for the open position at St. Michael's, Brizard realized that Vermont would be

an ideal location for his family. Brizard wished to teach at a smaller school in order to give students more one-on-one attention. He wanted to "have a direct impact. That's what I was looking for when I came here."

Dr. Alayne Schroll, chairperson of the chemistry and physics department, was involved in Brizard's hiring, and believes that "he can make major contributions to the physics department."

"Alain Brizard comes to St. Michael's with a tremendous

amount of teaching, research, and administrative experience," Schroll continued.

This semester, Brizard is teaching a modern physics class as well as two sections of astronomy.

Most of the students in astronomy are non-science majors, and Brizard wants the class to "try to discover what the laws of nature are."

He is proud of the knowledge his students take away from the classroom.

"I am a theorist. ... All I need is a computer and a pen and pencil."

Alain Brizard,
professor

"When they look at the night sky, they still marvel at it, but it is now amazing at a deeper level," he said. "You understand a little more about how our stars are born, live their life, die, what all this has to do with you, and how it's all connected."

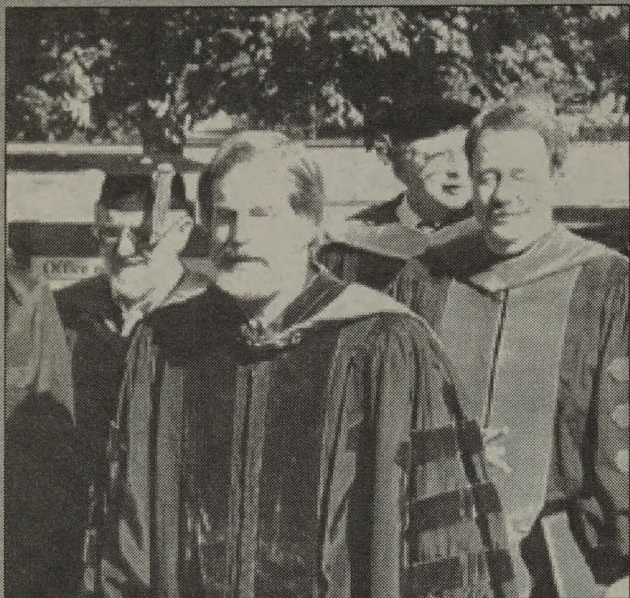
Life in Vermont has been a fairly easy adjustment for Brizard and his family. He has found that "the students, faculty, my colleagues, and the administration are all very nice."

He stresses to his students to take advantage of the supportive school community. "You can really do something wonderful here."

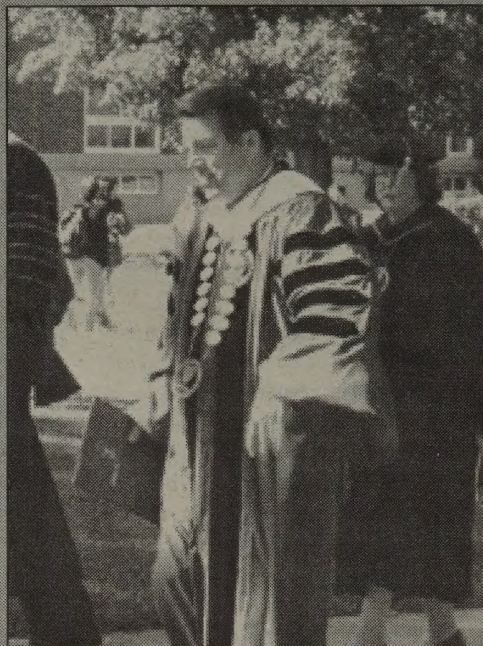
The biggest adjustment Brizard will have to face? "Winter will be hard to get used to again," he said with a smile.

News

Convocation 2000



Sept. 29 marked the annual convocation at St. Michael's College.



President Marc vanderHeyden walks to Convocation that was dedicated to the memory of Atsuko Ikeda, the graduate student killed on Sept. 27.



Professors march to McCarthy Recital Hall for Convocation. Some professors received awards at the ceremony.

Photos by Matt Frawley

NEASC: Study points out lack of diversity at SMC

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Dodson said that in order to properly compare the efforts of St. Michael's with those of comparative schools, it is necessary to examine how much money and effort go into recruitment of minority student for each institution.

"Diversity is one of those things that people say, 'Oh, that would be nice to have,'" Dodson said.

"But when there are so many other things that need to get done, perhaps it's my paranoia, but it seems like diversity would be one of the first things to go," he said.

"While our results are abysmal by numbers, we can't really judge what we're doing while comparing to a Middlebury [College] or Bowdoin," Dodson said.

"We have to see how much money they spend and what kinds of problems or successes they're having."

Throughout Flanagan's experience at St. Michael's, both as an undergraduate student and 26 years working in admissions, creating a diverse campus has been difficult, he said.

"When I was an undergraduate, we had one colored profes-

sor, Dr. Cleve Williams, who spoke about how difficult it was to be a black resident of Vermont," Flanagan said.

"[Williams] said, 'It's challenging to be here - even the snow is white,'" Flanagan said.

"Although we've been discouraged, we haven't given up," Flanagan said.

He said the school has a new ALANA recruiter, Kevin Spencer, after approximately a year without the position filled. Flanagan said the position was not filled sooner because there was a lack of applications filed for the position.

First-year student Shelley Ouellette said upon arrival to college, she was surprised at the amount of diversity she encountered.

"I lived in a small town in Vermont, virtually all white, and went to a tiny high school," she said. "So coming to St. Mike's, a small college in Vermont, I didn't think about the issue of diversity very much."

"If I'd come from, say, New York City, maybe I'd have an issue with the amount of diversity, or lack thereof," she said.

"But personally, I don't think about it much, I accept what I'm presented with."

Flanagan said the most success the school has had recruiting multicultural students has been through "third party programs".

"We had a great deal of success with the Thea Bowman Program," he said.

He said the program involved four or five Catholic schools in the Northeast and was started by Bowman, an African-American graduate of a predominantly white college.

The Bowman Program recruited students from the Washington, D.C./Virginia area.

The program was unable to continue, he said, after the financial aid provided by the program fell through.

Both Dodson and Flanagan said they were optimistic at the possibility of St. Michael's joining the Posse Program, an organization similar to that of the Thea Bowman Program.

The organization admits high school students who might otherwise be unable to pursue higher education and trains them to become community leaders and to excel in a college environment.

The students then attend a college with eight to 10 members of their "posse", thus providing a comfort factor.

Dodson said the program is appealing because students in the program in the past have had high college retention rates and become key members of their college communities.

Flanagan said St. Michael's is in communication with a Posse Program located in Boston, Massachusetts, with the hope that the two can join forces to bring students to the college.

"We thought Boston would be good because we have so many Massachusetts kids," Flanagan said.

"That way it would be more comfortable for those students."

Participation in the Posse Program would cost the school \$30,000, Flanagan said, and the school is required to provide some form of tuition scholarship for the posse.

"Every year we'd have a new posse [of eight -10 students] coming to St. Michael's," he said. "We'd be able to create a good core group."

Dodson said the fact that several of the schools St. Michael's looks to for comparison are already Posse Program participants could also encourage the school to join the program.

"We would like to keep company with them [Bowdoin and

Middlebury], and a lot of them are participating in the program," he said.

Flanagan said the college would probably hear in the summer if it was approved to join Posse Program.

Dodson said there are some steps the school can take to promote diversity.

"Admissions can pay for ALANA students to fly in to visit campus," he said. "They can pay for trips to college fairs. There are things that can be done."

Ouellette said she feels that promoting the recruitment of ALANA students should be a priority, but keeping the high standards of the college should play a factor in the recruitment of any students.

"It would be good to make a more diverse college, but we have to keep the standards of St. Mike's up there," she said.

Adekola said while the lack of diversity might be an issue for some students, he personally does not find it to be a problem.

"I don't have a problem with it," Adekola said. "If anything, it makes me concentrate more and work on getting good grades. Stuff is going to happen regardless, but I don't mind."

News

News In Brief

Vt. National Guard allegedly copies brochure

The Vermont Air National Guard allegedly put out a brochure that closely resembled St. Michael's admissions brochure.

This caused a copyright issue between the college and the Air Guard.

Michael Johnson, a public affairs officer for the Vermont National Guard said the brochure put out by the Vermont Air National Guard was intended for a committee for education.

The copy, layout and style of the brochure the Guard put out closely resembled the admissions brochure, vanderHeyden said.

The college discovered the brochures put out by the Air National Guard because many of the brochures were

sent to students across Vermont who received information about St. Michael's, he said.

A number of the brochures in question ended up on vanderHeyden's desk because some of the faculty and staff's children received the brochures, he said.

Johnson said that not all of the educational brochures were sent out. "Immediate action" was taken and the brochures that were not sent out yet were destroyed, he said.

Johnson estimated that less than a quarter of the product was mailed out.

"We have already taken steps to make sure this doesn't happen again," Johnson said.

Unlawful entry into AIDS theme house

There was an unlawful entry into 76 College Parkway on Sept. 29 at about 2:30 a.m.

Entry into the house was made through an unlocked window on the porch, Peter Soons, director of Security, said.

The perpetrator fled on foot and was pursued to the quad where he was lost. He was described as a college-aged white male wearing a baseball hat.

The people responsible have come forward and taken

responsibility, Soons said.

"We know those responsible," he said.

Colchester police are still investigating the incident, Soons said.

Residents of AIDS theme house were advised by Lou DiMasi, director of Residence Life, not to speak about the incident.

Soons said that finding the perpetrator "has been a good demonstration of our partnership in maintaining a safe campus community."

South Burlington man charged in new assault

A South Burlington dentist who was arrested in 1993 for lewd conduct in the St. Michael's library, was charged with two counts of sexual assault on Sept. 27.

John Wolff, 51, allegedly engaged in sexual activity with a patient.

The alleged victim's mother had Wolff as her regular dentist and referred her daughter to Wolff, said Detective James Claremont of the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations.

In 1993, Wolff was convicted of three counts of prohibited acts.

According to the affidavit, these acts occurred on

April 15, 1993 and involved "Wolff going into the library at St. Michael's College and getting fixated on females inside the library."

The alleged victim said these events have been taking place since 1989.

Police reports said the alleged victim told her current dentist, Dr. Albert St. Amand Jr. about some of the abuse she suffered from encounters with Wolff.

According to police reports, St. Amand said he witnessed the bruising on the alleged victim's body and glass stuck in her mouth as a result of an encounter with Wolff.

Health Services hires nutritionist

By Kerry Flynn
Staff Writer

St. Michael's Health Services has a new addition to its staff this year. Candace Polzella is a registered dietitian who serves as the school's nutrition consultant on Monday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m.

Over the past several years the staff at Health Services has noticed a growing increase in the need for a nutritionist on campus. Susan Jacques, director of Health Services, shifted around funds so Polzella could be hired part-time.

A survey taken by Health Services last year showed that most students wanted some form of help with their nutrition needs.

"We are trying something new and seeing how well it is utilized," Jacques said.

Students are already using Polzella's services.

She has seen approximately 15 students since the beginning of September.

She has met with students who have eating disorders, medical conditions such as anemia

"I had no idea there was a nutritionist on campus."

Jim Walsh,
junior

and irritable bowel syndrome and those who need help with weight reduction and sensible diets.

A number of athletes have also seen Polzella to change their diets to enhance performance.

Junior Shelly Vierung said she would see Polzella to "learn how to have a healthy diet while I am away from home."

Students who appeal to change their meal plan by a drastic amount for personal or medical reasons are required to meet with Polzella.

For instance, a lactose intolerant student would see Polzella if the student wanted to reduce their meal plan because Alliot wasn't meeting their dietary needs.

The two would meet and dis-

cuss other ways to treat it and possibly work out an alternative diet that will work for the student.

Polzella also serves as the part-time nutritionist for the University of Vermont's Center for Health and Wellbeing.

Although there is a waiting list to see the newly appointed nutritionist on campus, most students interviewed did not even know that St. Michael's has one.

"I had no idea there was a nutritionist on campus," junior Jim Walsh said.

"Now that I know I'll probably make an appointment in the future," he said.

Those that do know about Polzella's new presence on campus have varied views on whether or not she should be here more than a few hours one day a week.

"I think that she would be more of an asset to the students if she were here more than one day a week," sophomore Nick Berno said.

Business, chemistry chairs funded

Alumni Edmund Cashman Jr. and Edward Leavy each donated \$1.5 million dollars to St. Michael's

By Sean McCarthy
Staff Editor

St. Michael's has received two gifts of \$1.5 million each for endowed chairs in the business and the chemistry departments.

The announcement was made at a news conference in the Farrell Room on Friday.

These are the first two endowed chairs in St. Michael's history.

The gifts were given to the school by Edmund J. Cashman Jr. and Edward C. Leavy.

Leavy gave his gift to the chemistry department and Cashman, who was unable to attend the news conference, gave his to the business department.

Leavy attributes his success in the business world to the clear thinking that he learned from his education in chemistry.

"I came to St. Michael's not very well-rounded. I left St. Michael's with a major in chemistry and a well rounded man," Leavy said.

The chairs will be used to create prestigious positions in the two departments, being split into salaries and research support.

Provost Janet Sheeran said the positions will be given to current St. Michael's professors.

"[They will go to] some outstanding faculty member who has given him or herself to St. Michael's College," she said.

"This is an extraordinary beginning," President Marc



Photo by Sean McCarthy

Janet Leavy, Edward Leavy and President Marc vanderHeyden listen as Buff Lindau, director of public relations introduces Leavy.

vanderHeyden said.

"We are enormously grateful for these extraordinary gifts," he said.

This is Leavy's third major gift to the school.

He said that he has been considering a gift like this for a while.

"I thought about a chair a long time ago even though I just wasn't sure what a chair was," Leavy joked.

Cashman is the senior executive vice president of Legg Mason Inc.

He has stayed involved in the college over the years, including being one of the trustees and was being Alumnus of the Year

in 1984.

Leavy is the retired CEO of Jen-Coat manufacturing.

He endowed the Edward Leavy department of chemistry and the Ed and Jean Leavy Chemistry Fund for equipment.

He is a former trustee, a former member of the alumni board of directors, and was named Alumnus of the Year in 1971.

"He has been devoted to this college ever since he graduated," vanderHeyden said.

"I consider the gift as a privilege so I will thank you people and then sit down," said Leavy, who attended with his wife, Janet.

Opinion

Editorial

Make each day count

Two weeks ago, we dedicated a Mass to celebrate the lives of three sophomores who were killed in a car accident a year ago.

Last weekend, we mourned the loss of an international graduate student killed on her way home from class.

These losses have left the St. Michael's community reeling. You can see it in the eyes of the administration, faculty, staff and students. These deaths were unexpected hard to explain.

Although memorial Masses are spiritual and moving, and the thoughts and prayers mean so much to family and friends who are grieving, this is not all that can be done to honor the dead and keep their memories alive.

Set aside a moment to smell the roses, the coffee, or whatever. Go for a run, get away for a scenic drive, or, here's a thought, take a long-overdue nap.

Make the time to really listen to your sister who needs to tell you yet another story about her latest crush.

Notice when your not-so-close friend is having a rough week and send him a card, and not just one of those 99-cent ones.

Say hi to the kid in the hallway whom you are usually just a little too cool to acknowledge.

Compliment your co-workers when you know they need to hear something nice.

Smile, even when you would prefer not to. Tell your parents you love them, and mean it.

Do the things that make up the million fleeting thoughts you have every day, but never have the time to carry out.

In other words, make each day count. Cheesy? Maybe. But can you stand being somewhat corny to brighten someone else's day and your own in the process?

Sometimes people on campus are just more concerned about how their hair looks and whether they have enough beer for Friday night than whether they have had an actual conversation with their best friend in the past week.

These are the things that matter in the long run. They are the reasons people have peace of mind when the always-unexpected tragedy strikes.

Don't go overboard.

Just know what is truly important and what definitely is not. We sometimes lose sight of this in the daily craziness that becomes our lives.

Finally, remember to take a minute or two out of every hectic day for yourself.

Be grateful for everything you have and know that each person in your life is a precious gift, and that these gifts will not last forever.

April Patti
Co-Executive Editor

Disagree? Agree?
The Defender wants to hear
from you, so e-mail your
letters to the editor to
defender@smcvt.edu

Correction

In the Sept. 27 issue, Chris Kenny was incorrectly referred to as director of sports information. He is the assistant athletic director. The Defender regrets the error.

The Defender Mission Statement

As the editorial staff of The Defender, the student-run newspaper of St. Michael's College, we strive to accurately, professionally and ethically report the news affecting the lives of students in the community.

The decisions we make with regard to content and style are our own, and are influenced only by our goal of both informing and entertaining our readers.

We believe in the freedom of expression. We encourage our readers to express their views at any time.

The Defender publishes letters to the editor in response to articles that we have printed in the paper and issues on campus. The Defender does not publish any anonymous letters. Letters will be edited only for grammar, spelling and good taste.

Photo of the week



This gargoyle hangs off the side of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Photo by
Allison Merritt

Letters to the editor

New logo too expensive

Where I come from we do things differently. My high school needed a logo once. We had an art contest. The winner got a \$50 gift certificate. Fifty bucks.

The Silverman group got a gift certificate all right: a \$20,000 one redeemable at any bank.

First of all, what was wrong with the old logo? I mean, the old one is nice and all. It's just that we don't need a new logo. You don't see Harvard or Yale changing their logos. UVM still has the V.

Think about what the school could have done with \$20,000. The wilderness program could have gone on their annual Grand Canyon hike--for free. The entire student body could have escaped the food in Alliot for a day and been taken to Mickey D's for a free meal.

The school could have started changing the walls in the hallways of the quad so they didn't look like shower stalls anymore.

We could have added another computer lab. Tuition could have been reduced over \$11!

Why don't we change those beautiful green mountains in the background to a big green \$100 bill.

We could put big red and orange flames around the outside to show how the purple knight is burning his money.

Our new mascot could be the Prodigal Son! Our president stated how he "wanted to make known our Catholic tradition."

The Prodigal son is straight out of the bible. It doesn't get any more Catholic.

To be serious, there's nothing wrong with the look of the new logo. The problem is that we have a new logo.

If we had to we could have at least kept it economical and had a student contest to design a logo.

There is no doubt that a talented art student could have designed a look just as professional and appealing. Would it not be fitting to have a student design it? After all, a school is only as great as it's product.

When I came to look at this school, I didn't want to know what the logo looked like. I wanted to know what the rooms looked like, what the halls looked like.

I heard that St. Michael's had a good hockey team. I wanted to see the arena. The beautiful rinks were actually a big part of my attractions to schools such as UNH, St. Lawrence and Clarkson. I didn't rush to see the logo on the sweatshirts in the school store.

Congratulations everyone, we've got a great new logo. It's too bad we don't have a hockey rink to put it on.

Granted, where I come from there are more cows than there are people, and we are nothing but a bunch of stubborn Northeast Kingdomers who don't even have a high school budget that passes.

What we do have is a school logo and a hockey rink that is being built this year.

Tom Paradis
Class of 2004

Freshmen unfairly judged by seniors

It had been brought to my attention within my first week of classes, that it was Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights that any person could find a party on campus. With a weekly calendar that leaves a person craving the weekend, one can only imagine the hysteria that is unleashed once 9:30 on Thursday evening rolls around.

Many a times it is this uncontrollable frenzy that leaves people puzzled as to where these girls, and their livers, get the unrelenting tolerance and the never-ending stamina to keep a schedule like this.

The truth is, this could be any floor of any dorm among the quad. Like a tempting bug zapper hanging from a southerner's porch, the string of townhouse lights can seem almost beckoning to the average party-crazed freshman.

These are the stereotypical freshmen that invade the lawns and personal lives of any unsuspecting upperclassman for a few hours, scam a few beers, bum a few smokes, and then leave in search of another free buzz.

Each and every upperclass-

man that has been used and abused by these inconsiderate adolescents has every right to be pissed off.

I am, by no means, making an excuse for them. I am simply bringing it to the surface that they aren't the only ones who suffer these weekly disturbances.

The halls and the roommates, who are looked down upon for valuing a good night's rest, are among the many forced to endure the pain of being awakened at 3:30 in the morning by people who don't yet know the purpose of an 'inside voice.'

On another note, I would like to send a 'kudos' to all the upperclassmen who have generously created a harmonious, almost nirvanic environment for us underclassmen to grow and thrive in.

But I must let you in on a little secret: not every underclassman's world and rituals revolve around a senior. Many of our lives lack senior input and we're doing just fine. I can only speak for myself when I say I don't need a mind full of senior images or a heart full of senior love to take me to cloud nine.

My view is that they are another group of people who put their pants on one leg at a time;

only they have four more years of experience at it.

I would like to also add that upperclassmen expect us freshmen to know every unwritten rule here at St. Mike's within our first few weeks of attendance. Impossible.

People learn from their mistakes, and freshmen are people too. Understand that it will take a few wrong turns and dead ends before we mark-off the places where we are not wanted. So have a heart.

Didn't your mother ever teach you to never judge a book by its cover? Well apparently the senior class has forgotten that first rule in people management. I was once told that 90 percent of today's rules were made for 10 percent of the people.

With this in mind, I would like to say that 90 percent of the first impressions made by and on the class of 2004 were made by and from 10 percent of its students.

One might be surprised as to how many considerate individuals can be found housing in the quad, it's just a matter of picking through a few undesirable layers.

Cate Westberg
Class of 2004

News

In memory of Atsuko Ikeda

Friends, faculty and staff gather to mourn and remember

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"I met her for the first time in the cafeteria. She was talking to some of my friends and I joined them," she said.

Ikeda arrived in the United States last year and enrolled in the graduate program in June.

She studied teaching English as a second language in the MATESL program.

Before this, she taught children English in Japan.

"Ikeda was a very independent person and she always did stuff by herself," Okawa said.

During the Buddhist ceremony to celebrate her life and the short time people at St. Michael's had to know her, many mourners lined up to place a pinch of incense onto coals on the altar as a sign of respect for her.

The tearful service included many friends reading letters, in Japanese and English, and saying a few words about the friend who was taken from them so quickly.

Sensei Sunyana Graef of the Vermont Zen Center in Shelburne led the service and spoke generally about Buddhism and Ikeda's death.

"There is no one who has not been another person's mother or father. Even if you didn't know Atsuko, you did know her in some way. Put her in your heart as if you were her mother or father," Graef said.

"Karma connects all of us to each other," Graef said. "We are all related to each other. Birth and death are one thing, one can-

"You gave me a little short time to know you. If we meet again, I will not pass you by. I want to know you better next time."

Nanji Cho,
a friend of Ikeda

you peace in your new life. Bless you," she said.

President Marc vanderHeyden also attended the service and said the tragedy has been difficult for St. Michael's.

"I think that our community

not die without rebirth."

The ceremony was also intended to help Ikeda "move on fully and cleanly into her next life."

During the service, the Rev. Marcel Rainville gave his sincerest regrets and said, "On behalf of my country, I beg forgiveness."

Robin Perez, Ikeda's roommate, gave a heartfelt speech about their time living together.

"Atsuko, I am going to tell your sister how much you talked about her. I miss you," she said. "I miss watching the Olympics with you. Your time with us was too short. I wish

you peace in your new life. Bless you," she said.

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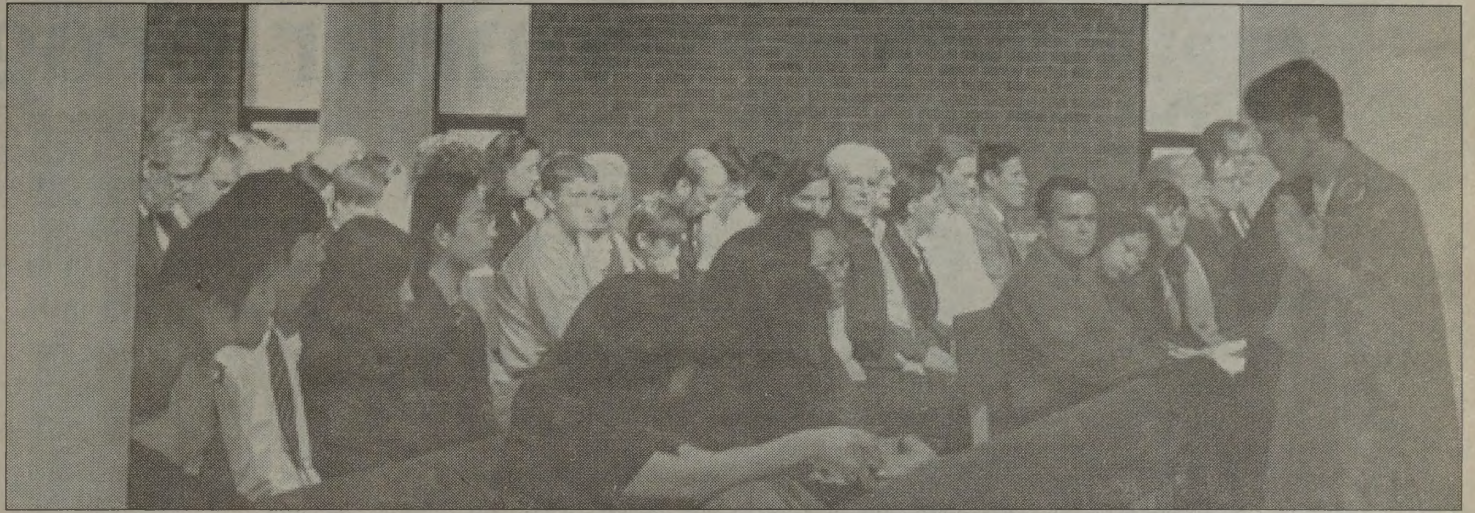


Photo by Sean McCarthy

Friends, acquaintances, and others from St. Michael's attend a service Sept. 30 to pay tribute to Atsuko Ikeda, who was killed Sept. 27.



Photo by Matt Frawley

Friends placed flowers outside of the house Atsuko Ikeda had lived in since June.

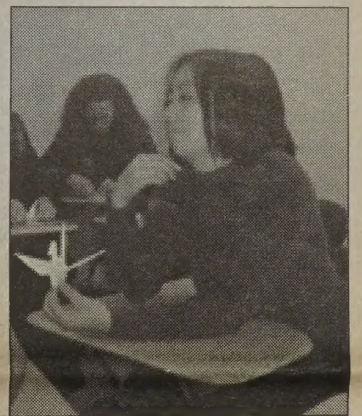


Photo by Janine Hess

Graduate student Noriko Nomura, folds cranes in memory of Ikeda.

always prides itself on finding answers in our knowledge and reason," he said. "This time we are just without an answer. It was just a random act of violence that we cannot comprehend," he said.

"Fortunately, the students have been supportive of each other," he said.

"She was a wonderful person and those touched by her will never forget her," vanderHeyden said.

Professor Elizabeth O'Dowd-Parker had Ikeda for two classes this semester and described her as a "very animated and bright person."

O'Dowd-Parker said Ikeda wanted to speak to her after their class visit to an elementary school, but O'Dowd-Parker said she never saw Ikeda again.

"I just can't think of anyone whose life was more meaningful," she said.

Although the family could not be reached for comment, O'Dowd-Parker said they are being very strong and noble.

"They've expressed no anger that I've seen. They were completely gracious and composed," she said.

The Ikeda family asked that in lieu of flowers, sympathy be expressed through donations to the St. Michael's Rescue Squad in Atsuko's name.

SEXTON: Claims Ikeda's killing was random

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Sheehan asked Sexton several questions about the incident, to which Sexton repeatedly answered, "I don't know."

Ikeda was pronounced dead at Fletcher Allen Health Care.

St. Michael's rescue declined to comment because of patient confidentiality.

Thursday, Sexton was arraigned and charged with second-degree murder after telling police, "I can remember hitting her with my fist over and over until she fell on the ground. I just wanted her to stop moving. I just had nerves to kill, I guess, an urge."

Sexton's charge was changed to first-degree murder late Friday, Benoit said.

The statements Sexton gave

"I know I did something really bad, I am just not sure what."

Jacob Sexton

to police and the severity of the injuries to the cat and Ikeda's body led police to believe that he had formulated the idea of killing someone prior to his actions.

"The two things put together make a clear picture of the intent to kill, not necessarily an intent to kill the woman, but an intent to kill," Benoit said.

During the past few years, Sexton has had numerous encounters with the police.

His previous records includes being charged with

threatening to kill his father in 1995; domestic assault against his father in 1998; and attempting to elude and negligent operation of a vehicle after failing to stop for a Burlington police officer in 1999.

Sexton pleaded guilty to domestic assault and received a suspended sentence. He was required to attend anger management classes and was released from probation in May.

In September, Sexton was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, impeding a police officer and resisting arrest.

Sexton is being held without bail at Vermont State Hospital in Waterbury for psychiatric evaluation.

If Sexton is found competent to stand trial, the criminal process will continue, Benoit said.

Sexton's previous record

1995: Police say Jacob Sexton threatened his father with a knife. He spent a week at Northeast Family Institute.

1998: Arrested on charges of domestic assault against his father; pleaded guilty to one count of domestic assault; recieved a suspended sentence; completed anger management course; released from that probation in May.

1999: Charged with attempting to elude and negligent operation after he failed to stop for a police officer who was trying to stop him for speeding; pleaded guilty and received another suspended sentence.

Earlier this month: Was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, impeding a police officer and resisting arrest. Police said he threatened to shoot an officer in the head; was arrested after a foot chase; pleaded innocent and was released on conditions.

Features

Campus Speaks

Do you take safety precautions in light of recent incidents in the area?



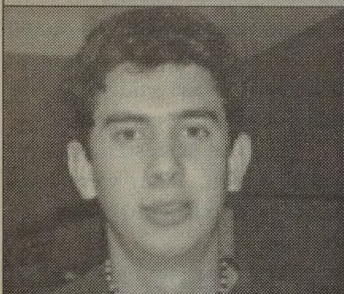
"Ever since last year when there were several incidents, yes."

Amy Bragg,
sophomore



"My friends and I always make sure we are with someone else."

Erin McCubray,
sophomore



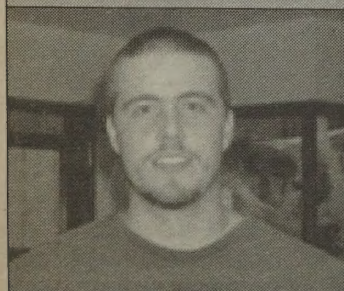
"I don't think I'll change anything I do."

Doug Merritt,
junior



"I feel safe. I've never had any problems."

Dom Biscardi,
junior



"I don't take precautionary measures because I don't feel any threat."

Chris O'Neil,
junior

Students, faculty praise first-year seminar program

By Jonathan-Alan Fairbanks
Staff Writer

Each year hundreds of freshmen begin their college careers at St. Michael's. Many of them are fresh out of high school and are not sure what to expect from a liberal arts college. For these students, the first-year seminar program has been developed.

These writing-intensive courses that last for one semester are a requirement for all freshmen.

Each class size is limited to about 15 students to encourage discussion and promote a more intimate atmosphere in the classroom.

Students have a wide range of topics to choose from when selecting a seminar.

Beginnings focuses on the exploration of origins, while Race Relations in the United States stresses consciousness and a search for commonalities between different races.

Nature, Perception, and Imagination studies cultural examination with a firm basis in natural science, where Great Russians: Tolstoy and Dostoevsky delves into morality issues using Russia in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries as a backdrop.

"Individual instructors from several departments chose the topics for these classes themselves," said Professor William Marquess, an English instructor

"In my seminar we learn about issues that are going on in the world right now."

Maeve Sullivan,
freshman

and head of the first-year seminar program.

"Students enjoy having the option to choose [which seminar they will participate in], while instructors enjoy being able to design their own class and having close contact with new students who are starting out," Marquess said.

Many other universities have programs that are similar to the one offered here, however, they are more oriented to the social and residential sides to college life.

At St. Michael's, students are given the academic tools needed to communicate on the college level.

Sophomore Heather Rubenstein, who took Beginnings with Marquess her freshman year, said that her seminar was "extremely beneficial because it was language intensive and made me a much stronger writer."

Beyond the campus and the classroom, the program encourages general consciousness and exposure to the outside commu-

nity. In Peace and Justice, students will actually travel and volunteer their time at a homeless shelter to gain a more hands-on approach to the concepts that they are learning in the classroom.

Freshman Maeve Sullivan, a student in the Peace and Justice Seminar, finds this to be an asset.

"In my seminar we learn about issues that are going on in the world right now. We are given all of the facts needed to make informed opinions about those issues," Sullivan said.

Considering that so many students have to take a seminar their first year and the number of faculty members to teach them is limited, some freshmen have to wait until the spring semester to take this class that is so pivotal to college life.

"Freshman students may be at a disadvantage in some ways by not taking their seminar when the first arrive on campus, but generally they are less nervous and bring more confidence with them when they are able to take the course," Marquess said.

It is this confidence that students will need to possess in order to survive in the professional world.

St. Michael's College instills this from the start with courses like the first-year seminar program. An experience proven to empower young people and prepare them for life's many challenges, both in and outside the classroom.



Photo by Sean McCarthy

The Peace and Justice first-year seminar class has a community service component. The class is on its way downtown to work with the homeless. Every other Friday the class volunteers in the Family in Transition Program, the Daystation, or the Foodshelf, where it distributes food to the homeless.

Features

Women leaders put the 'wild' in wilderness

St. Michael's Wilderness Program increases in female leaders

By Michelle Simard
Staff Writer

This year the female instructors of the Wilderness Program demonstrate a stronger presence than ever before, according to Todd Wright, who restarted the Wilderness Program five years ago.

Each with her own specialty, the girls of the program enthusiastically describe the places they most like to hang out - outside.

There are 30 undergraduate wilderness instructors in total; 13 are women.

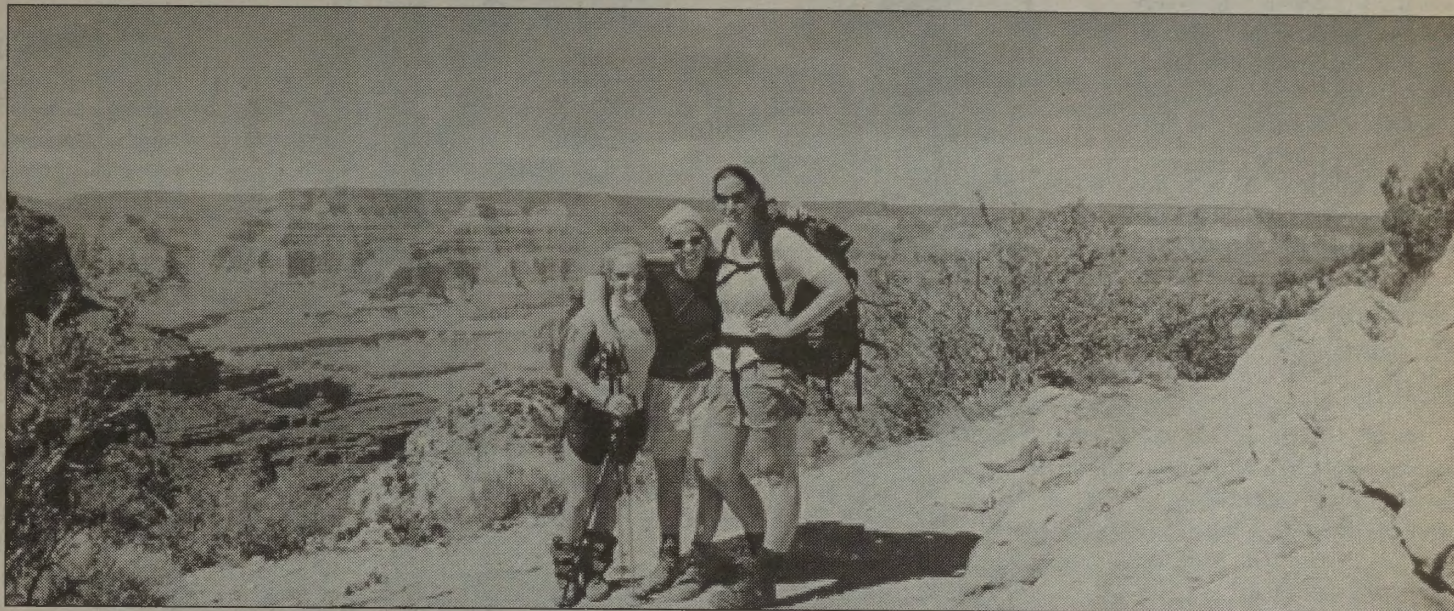
"This is the first year we have women assuming technical instructor roles like sea kayaking and climbing," Wright said.

Juniors Beth Valerio and Jess Weiss will be leading the fourth annual women's overnight trip on Oct. 14. Valerio called the trip an excellent opportunity for women who have never been on a trip like this before.

The idea for the trip came from senior Andrea Henchey "If anyone is intimidated by guys on trips, this is the trip-for them," Henchey said.

Junior Beth Valerio has been involved with the Wilderness Program since her freshman year, when she went on a sea kayaking orientation week that led her to become a kayaking instructor.

Overall, the Wilderness Program has a pretty good stock of equipment according to junior Allison Borchers, who became involved with the Wilderness Program through her work-study assignment. She was in charge of the gear room, but quickly took interest in the club and signed up for an introduction to backpack-



Sarah Coombs, Jessica Friere and Darcie Smith stand on a cliff at the Grand Canyon.

Photo Courtesy of Christine Lesh

ing trip.

Allison said the program has a pretty impressive stock of equipment.

"Taking into consideration the size of our school, we have one of the best programs around," Borchers said.

Senior Elisabeth Maguire agreed, but said, "it would be nice to have a cabin like UVM does."

Maguire did a lot of hiking last semester when she studied in New Zealand. While she has never been lost guiding a hike for the Wilderness Program, she did get lost abroad once.

"I've never had the feeling of not knowing where I was going," she said of the experience.

None of the leaders have experienced being lost here in Vermont, "Knock on wood," Valerio said.

This will be the fourth year Andrea Henchey has been involved in the Wilderness

Program.

Last summer, Henchey hiked the 274-mile Long Trail. "It was the hardest and best thing I've ever done," she said.

Henchey, like Maguire, went abroad and used her skills from the Wilderness Program. She spent last spring in Nepal.

"The Wilderness Program gave me the confidence to hike in Nepal. The hikes were incredible and challenging," Henchey said.

Junior Sarah Coombs, who has been involved in the Wilderness Program since freshman year, visited the Grand Canyon last April, a trip sponsored by the Wilderness Program. Coombs is a rock instructor, but also enjoys hiking.

On why the program has been so successful, Coombs said, "Todd gets it out there. Campus-wide e-mails and our table in Alliot contribute to getting people involved that normally wouldn't spend time outdoors,"

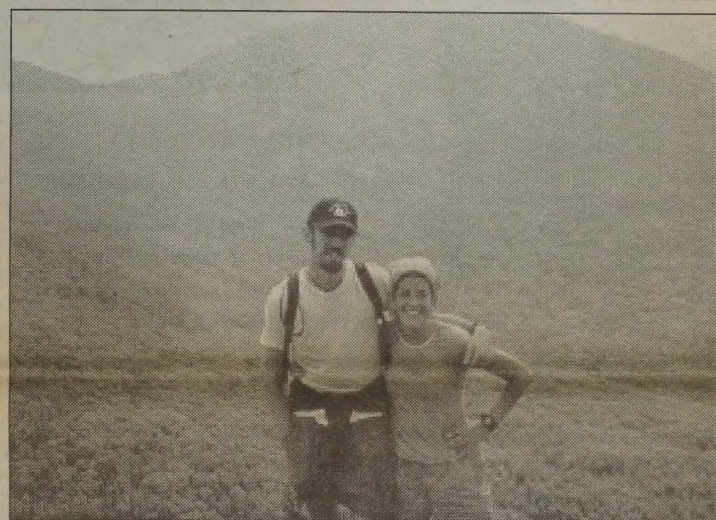


Photo courtesy of Andrea Henchey

Andrea Henchey and Nate Moreau during wilderness orientation in the Adirondacks.

Coombs said.

The Wilderness Program has more women involved than ever before.

According to Wright, women serve as role models and keep the program operational.

Junior Christine Lesh, leader

of backpacking and hiking trips, said that women in the program have few inhibitions.

"There's not too much we're afraid of. Bears. Bad weather. Feminine hygiene in the backcountry-it's all just another day at the office," Lesh said.

Jeff Vincent adjusts to family life, new position

By Drew Milliken
Staff Writer

For the last three years, Jeff Vincent has been a presence in Residential Life at St. Michael's College.

Vincent, 31, was the Resident Director of Alumni Hall for two years, until he became an assistant director of Residence Life/School of International Studies (SIS) and moved with his wife, Jen, and daughter, Grace, up to the Ethan Allen apartments on North Campus.

His new role will make him an advisor to the Programming Board, and responsible for programs and events like the Welcome Back Bash and the weekly Coffee Houses.

"I'm one more person waking up and thinking about what's happening on campus," Vincent said.

He hopes to connect Residence Life and Student Activities, and encourage creative thinking about weekend

"Without exception everyone at St. Michael's has been accepting and caring towards Grace. She gets so much love from everyone."

Jeff Vincent,
assistant director of
Residence Life/School of
International Studies

activities.

After graduating from St. Michael's in 1993, Vincent, originally from Burlington, moved to Detroit. There he worked with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps as a justice advocate and councilor at a juvenile detention center.

After a few years, he moved out to Denver and worked as an assistant director of a residential detention center. After four years of this work, he decided to come back to St. Michael's to work on his graduate degree.



Photo courtesy of Jeff Vincent

Jeff Vincent with his wife, Jen, and daughter, Grace.

"I really sort of peaked out and burned out," Vincent said.

Back at St. Michael's, Vincent began taking classes for his Master's in clinical psychology.

In addition to his academics and work, Vincent, also helped out with rugby by coaching and playing in a couple of games.

Now, three years later, Vincent is finishing up his degree and has started a family.

He and his wife, Jen, a former St. Michael's economics pro-

fessor currently teaching at Champlain College, and their 14-month-old daughter, Grace, live in the Ethan Allen apartments.

"My neighbors are awesome," Vincent said. "It's a little more relaxed up here. Grace has her own bedroom, and she really likes that."

Having a family and living on a college campus provides some interesting situations.

"We got married on Columbus Day weekend; that was the break at St. Michael's and

we had two days to go on our honeymoon," Vincent said.

"But now it's pretty cool because we have that time every year," he said.

Their daughter, Grace, has grown accustomed to the college lifestyle at an early age.

"Without exception, everyone at St. Michael's has been accepting and caring towards Grace," Vincent said.

"She gets so much love from everyone. It's great. I have a list of probably 60 people who want to watch Grace."

One would think that raising a 14 month-old in a college dorm might not be the easiest task, but the pros outweighs any cons, Vincent said.

"New situations don't really freak her out because she's been around so many different people," Vincent said. "She really acclimates well, and I think it's been a really good experience for her on campus."

Calendar

4 Wednesday

French for starters

This is a fun way to learn French if you currently have very little knowledge of the language. The class will be taught by Nancy Walsh and The Alliance Francaise of Vermont. It lasts from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Book Rack and Children's Pages. For more information call Writers at the Champlain Mill at 655-0231.

Spring internship informational meetings

Internship Director Joanne LaBrake would like all students considering an internship to attend the meeting. It will go from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. in Room 144 of Jeanmarie Hall.

Floor aerobics

This year classes are being taught by certified aerobic instructors. Students can show up at the time of the class and get in free with a student ID. Classes are from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Aerobics Room on the second floor of the Tarrant Center. For more information call extension 2498.

Pre-law panel

A group of local attorneys speak about applying to law schools and taking the LSAT. Attend to receive a copy of the St. Michael's Pre-Law guide. It takes place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Farrell Room in St. Edmund's Hall.

5 Thursday

Blackalicious

Tickets for the hip-hop performance cost \$15 in advance and \$17 on the day of the show. The doors open at 9 p.m. at Higher Ground. For tickets call 86-flynn and for more information call 654-8888.

'West Beyrouth'

Part of the St. Michael's film series. The film will be introduced by Andrew Simon of the Modern Languages and Literature Department. The screening is at 7 p.m. in the McCarthy Recital Hall.

The Livingroom Lectures

Students can read papers from classes to each other and discuss the different ideas raised in each. A paper that disagreed with the professor can be brought and read immediately. The discussion takes place at 6 p.m. at Townhouse 406. Call Jacob Fricke at extension 5310 or e-mail jfricke@smcvt.edu.

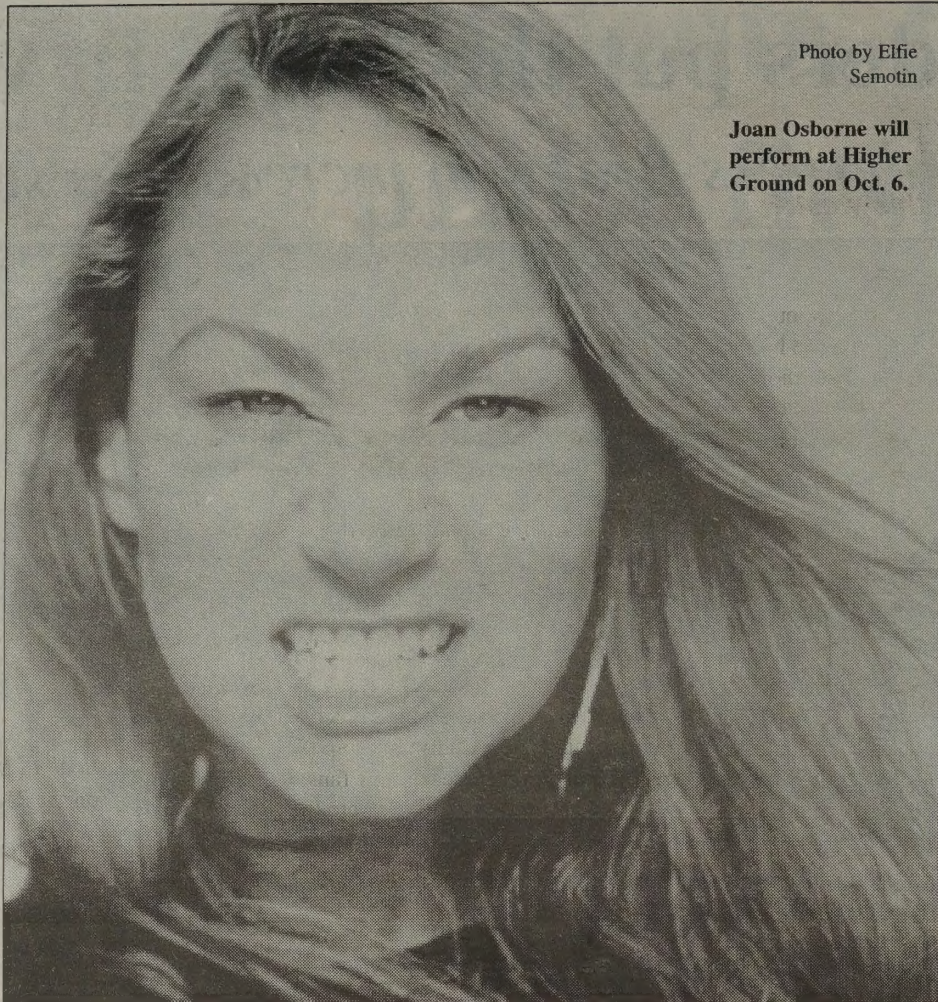


Photo by Elfie Semotin

Joan Osborne will perform at Higher Ground on Oct. 6.

Spring internship informational meeting

This is your last chance to attend one of these meetings. It is from 12 to 12:30 p.m. in Room 144 of Jeanmarie Hall.

6 Friday

Joan Osborne

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 on the day of the show. The doors open at 8 p.m. at Higher Ground. For tickets call 86-flynn and for more information call 654-8888.

7 Saturday

Gordon Stone Band

Tickets are \$5 for people over 21 and \$7 for people over 18. The doors open at 8 p.m. at Higher Ground. For tickets call 86-flynn and for more information call 654-8888.

Multiday sea kayak tour

Kayak across Lake Champlain for four days and three nights. The group will visit many points along the lake. Also, learn the tricks of the trade for future kayaking and camping trips. There is no experience necessary. The cost for students is \$100. Departure for the trip is at 8 a.m. from Alliot Hall. For more information contact Todd Wright at extension 2614 or e-mail twright@smcvt.edu.

10 Tuesday

Karl Denson's Tiny Universe

Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 on the day of the show. The doors open at 8 p.m. at Higher Ground. For tickets call 86-flynn and for more information call 654-8888.

Berry, Dunn, McNeil, and Parker Presentation

Junior and senior accounting majors with strong technology skills will get opportunities in accounting and consulting. It is from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Sheraton in Burlington. For more information call 654-2547.

11 Wednesday

Resume workshop

Learn the basics of resume writing for career seminars, internships, and on-campus recruiting. Attendance is mandatory before meeting with a counselor for individual resume advising. It is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Vermont Room at Alliot Hall. For information call extension 2547.

12 Thursday

Original P: Parliament/Funkadelic

Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 on the day of the show. The doors open at 8 p.m. at Higher Ground. For tickets call 86-flynn and for more information call 654-8888.

'Falling Down'

Part of the St. Michael's film series. The film will be introduced by Robert Niemi of the English Department. The screening begins at 7 p.m. at the McCarthy Recital Hall.

Workshop for study abroad returnees

This will help you to use your international experience in your resume and interviews. It is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Vermont Room of Alliot Hall. For more information call extension 2547.

13 Friday

The Funky Meters

Tickets are \$20. The doors open at 8 p.m. at Higher Ground. For tickets call 86-flynn and for more information call 654-8888.

Camels Hump

A hike exploring Camels Hump under the full moon. The cost is \$5. Departure is at 5 p.m. from Alliot Hall. For more info. call Todd Wright at ext. 2614 or e-mail twright@smcvt.edu.

Harrington's View/Bolton Mountain

The hike goes along ski trails from Bolton Valley to the Long Trail. At the end of the long hike see a beautiful sunset. The cost is \$5. Departure is at 5 p.m. from Alliot Hall. For more information call Todd Wright at extension 2614 or email twright@smcvt.edu.

14 Saturday

Randy Newman

This famous American songwriter is known for such compositions as "Sail Away," "Short People," and "I Love L.A." Tickets are \$42, \$32, and \$22. The show is at 8 p.m. at the Flynn Center Mainstage. For tickets or more information call 86-flynn.

Mount Equinox

The group will hike across the highest peak in the Taconic Mountains and enjoy the views and the natural history of the land. The trip costs \$5. Departure for the trip is at 8 a.m. from Alliot Hall. For more information call Todd Wright at extension 2614 or e-mail twright@smcvt.edu.

15 Sunday

KRS-One

Tickets are \$22. The doors open at 8 p.m. at Higher Ground. For tickets call 86-flynn and for more information call 654-8888.

16 Monday

Step aerobics

Classes are taught by a certified aerobic instructor. They are free for those who bring their St. Michael's ID. Classes are from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Aerobics Room on the second floor of the Tarrant Center. For more information call 2498.

17 Tuesday

Oteil and the Peacemakers

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the show. The doors open at 8 p.m. at Higher Ground. For tickets call 86-flynn and for more information call 654-8888.

Features

Horoscopes

Mr. Sam knows it all!

What's in the stars for you this week?



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You've been taking things a little seriously lately. Sure, control is a good thing to have, but be willing to share the load with those around you. Listen to some of your surrounding voices and you will hear much more.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Choose your friends well and it will improve your week immensely. Surround yourself with those who are able to support and stabilize you.



Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You are likely to become engaged in some serious conflicts this week. While they may be trying on your patience, you'll be required to reach a solution. Try to avoid being too stubborn.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This is a great day to make important discoveries about yourself. Examine situations that seem to be bringing you down. You may have to make some major changes.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Be ready for the unexpected today. Make sure you're prepared when disaster strikes. It's great to have high hopes, but unrealistic ones will only make your situation worse.



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

It's time for you to start thinking about the future. You need to redefine your goals and set yourself on the best path to self-fulfillment. Opportunity will be knocking relentlessly on your door this week so be ready for it.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

It seems like everyone wants to be a friend of yours. You are attracting all the right people and this will do wonders for your semester. Use humor and sincerity when dealing with difficult situations.



Aries (March 21-April 19)

You are working hard but that just won't cut it this week. There are a lot of people willing to help you out, so ask them ASAP!



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Have you completely abandoned your priorities? Make use of your artistic surges while you still have the opportunity. A change of scenery may help to nurture your creativity.



Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Pay attention to those reoccurring dreams you've been having lately. They may mean more than you think they do. Trust your conscience and instincts.



Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Relations with your family have been a little tense lately. Give them a call and work through any difficult situations. They may be more trivial than you think.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Watch your mouth. Things you say now may cause serious repercussions in the future. Keep quiet if you want to stay out of trouble. Getting defensive will only lead to more problems.



At The Drive-In aims to please with 'Relationship of Command'

By Emilee Hoover

"Pucker up and kiss the asphalt now, tease this amputation," are the words that lead off track three on At the Drive-In's new CD. "Relationship of Command" is their first full-length album in over two years, and their third to date. If you haven't heard of these punk rockers yet, you don't know what you're missing.

These five skinny guys from El Paso, Texas have done it again with "Relationship of Command", an 11-song CD that packs all the punches. Singer Cedric whales out the songs like his life is on the line during every second of the CD. Belting out lyrics worth listening to, sometimes distorted vocals, overdriving electronics and heart-pounding drums, Cedric lives up to old fans' expectations and the desires of new fans: yelling, screaming, and serenading his way into the listener's heart.

Staying close to their roots, "Relationship of Command" sounds like a natural progression from their last EP, "VAYA". However, producer Ross Robinson adds a more finished sound to their music. Where "VAYA" sounded a little amateur and homegrown, "Relationship" has a more professional, studio feel to it. Robinson's claim to fame is working with bands like Korn, Slipknot and Glassjaw. To think that working with these bands didn't effect production with At the Drive-In is to be naive, but the effects are positive. A little louder than before, ATDI still sounds better than ever.

Their newer, louder sound doesn't affect their lyrics. Still writing off-the-wall at times, introspective and self-revealing at others, the band collectively writes to please. With words like "laser, laser kindergarten nap nap time...pacifier pacifies, high-

chair crumbles unannounced like a draft from outside," one would think these guys were on cloud nine.

But just when you think they've all gone crazy, you'd hear something like, "Pinch history, feel the pinch blistering...pinch me in dreams, cause I'm still not listening," in Rolodex Propaganda.

All in all, the album is worth the two-year wait. The sound is a refreshing break from the everyday monotony of top-40 radio, and it builds character. For more information, check out their website at www.atthedrive-in.net.

At the Drive-In is currently touring with the Murder City Devils, and they'll be playing at Club Soda in Montreal on Oct. 23, as well as in Buffalo on the 25 at the Showplace.

At The Drive -In

Relationship of Command



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The four perspectives of the two-party system

By Josh Cook

It is a great comfort to know that our country has evolved according to the doctrine of representative democracy. We have remained true to that noble experiment put forth on this continent over 200 hundred years ago. It is clear from the writings of our founding fathers that the Democratic and Republican parties have evolved exactly as they had planned.

Our founding fathers designed our election system so that it could hold up four principles that would ensure the election of the best government possible.

The first is the unquestioning belief principle. It states that as long as the public unquestioningly believes in the processes of the past, the republic will evolve and progress. The principle was created to prevent the erosion of the status quo through destructive ideas, such as the "government of the people for the people" belief that is really only defended by lunatics and socialists. This keeps the two party system, with its timeless perfection, in power, despite attacks by foreign influences.

The second principle is the "thrown away vote" principle. Some people simply aren't intelligent enough to understand the merits of the two party system, and the intricacies in choosing between the two parties. We wouldn't want those people electing our representatives. However, since there are always a few radicals who can't be executed running for president we are protected from those ignorant voters. They simply vote for those disturbed outcasts and "throw their vote away." This takes their uneducated votes out of the election, ensuring that the best white, straight (or closet homosexual) man is elected.

The third principle is the "lesser of two evils" principle. Our founding fathers realized that perfection in anything, especially government, is impossible. Therefore, it would be ridiculous to try and achieve it. By ensuring that only undesirables run for office, the founding fathers guided the public to vote realistically. We will never have a perfect president and the chances of having a good president are rare. Therefore it is more logical to vote in terms of the demerits of one candidate, than on the merits of the other. Sometimes the genius of our founding fathers makes me want to jump around like a giddy school girl.

The fourth is, I think, the most important to ensuring the highest quality government possible. In our society the accumulation of money is a sure sign of intelligent, unbiased judgment. Therefore, it is clear that those people and corporations that have accumulated the most money should have the most power. This principle also prevents those who don't have the morals necessary to make money from having anything but token power. Even if the unmoneyed do elect their preferred candidate, that candidate will still have to answer to the sound judgment of the rich. Checks and balances in action.

It astounds me just how much we've stuck to these four principles. The first three principles basically guide the public's decisions in elections, and it's clear that the sound judgment of the rich has never had a more powerful check on the irrational decisions that are sometimes made by the unmoneyed public. The election system overjoys me so much that sometimes I want to go outside and shoot myself in the head.

Politics

Dwyer to visit campus Oct. 6

Ruth Dwyer, Republican candidate for governor of Vermont, will be appearing in the Rathskellar in Alliot Hall on Oct. 6 at 11 a.m.

Dwyer, 42, will follow the format of a basic question and answer session, similar to the format Progressive candidate Anthony Pollina used in his visit to St. Michael's last April, Student Association Vice President Shaun Bryer said.

Dwyer served in the Vermont Legislature from 1994 to 1998, and was the Republican nominee for governor in 1998.

Dwyer's main issues include the repeal of Act 60, safer roads and bridges, and increased consumer choice in health care.

The other gubernatorial candidates, Pollina and Democratic Governor Howard Dean, have also been invited for similar events, Bryer said.

Lt. Gov. Doug Racine might speak at St. Michael's on behalf of Gov. Dean, Bryer added.

An Oct. 29 gubernatorial debate in McCarthy Hall is in discussion, director of Public Relations Buff Lindau said.

Highlights of S.A. meeting held Sept. 26 in Cheray Hall

The meeting began with Student Association President Dan DiTullio announcing that meetings would be organized with the usual format of Open Forum followed by committee reports, old business, new business and announcements.

DiTullio continued by asking members of the Senate to submit any new motions or amendments to the E-Board before offering them to the Senate during new business.

Kristen Culgin and Gretchen O'Sullivan presented information about the Founders Society, the resulting merger of the Student Admissions Association (SAA) and Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT).

The mission of the Founders Society is the organization of students wanting to serve as the "public face of the college," through coordination of prospective-student-day visits, open houses for Admissions, and other events encouraging students to attend St. Michael's College.

Secretary of Operations Jonathan Stolpinski reminded students to use the WALK line (ext. 9255) if they would like a security escort instead of walking alone.

Secretary of Finance Christine Roberts reminded club representatives that budget proposals need to be turned over to her soon, and all club representatives should see her to discuss allocation of funds.

Secretary of Programming Shaun Anderson announced that the opening act for the Oct. 25 Rusted Root concert will be Daniel Case.

MOVE announced that the Cropwalk, a benefit in the fight against world hunger, will take place Sunday, Oct. 15 from 1-4 p.m.

MOVE also announced that mandatory Extended Service Trip informational meetings will be held Oct. 4 and 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Chapel.

Debate exclusion hurts democracy

By Nick LaVallee
Guest Writer

Opinion

Salesperson: "Are you planning on buying the brand-new product we have in stock?"

Customer: "I haven't heard very much about it."

Salesperson: "Then which of the older models would you like? I can give you demonstrations of each."

Customer: "What about that new product you asked me about?"

Salesperson: "Not enough people are planning on buying it so there's no reason to tell you about it."

Customer: "Well, I would like to hear more about it. I'd like to get the best product possible."

Salesperson: "It's pointless to tell you about the product because only a few people are buying it."

Customer: "Of course no one will ever purchase it if they don't know anything about it."

This may go on for quite some time in a similarly ridiculous manner. What you don't know at the time is that it is the same salesperson who helped to design the older models, and the new product threatens to prove the inefficiency of the older models.

Welcome to modern American democracy.

The Commission on Presidential Debates, a "non-partisan," non-profit organization that sets up the debates each presidential election season, has decided that long-time consumer advocate and Green Party nominee Ralph Nader will not be allowed to participate in debates.

The CPD decided last January that they would restrict participation in the debate to those candidates who had at least 15 percent in polls taken the week leading up to the debate. The previous standard had been five percent.

This decision was made by the co-chairs of the CPD: Paul Kirk, former chair of the Democratic National Committee and Frank Fahrenkopf, former chair of the Republican National Committee.

If this new standard had been in place in 1992, Ross Perot would not have been in the debates, and if it had been the policy in Minnesota in 1998, Jesse Ventura would not have been able to debate there.

Both of these examples are extremely revealing in regard to the new policy by the CPD. The presidential debates in 1992, with Perot's participation, garnered record breaking television audiences.

Ratings for the 1996 debates, which Perot was excluded from, were viewed by half the number of people who watched them four years earlier.

Clinton aid George Stephanopoulos later revealed that the Clinton campaign "wanted the debates to be a non-event."

Jesse Ventura went into the Minnesota Gubernatorial debate in 1998 with 10 percent of the vote. He was allowed to participate in the debates and won the election with 37 percent of the vote, displaying just how important the debates are for candidates to gain a certain amount of legitimacy and exposure.

The CPD is afraid both of a lively, exciting debate and giving legitimacy and exposure to Nader or any other third party candidate.

Here in Vermont we have a similar situation with Anthony Pollina, Progressive candidate for Governor. He has been included in the debates and has dominated.

Democrat Governor Howard Dean and Republican candidate Ruth Dwyer both seemed to frame their answers around Pollina's position.

In the Burlington debate, sponsored by the Women's League of Voters, Dean incessantly started his answers with the phrase, "I agree with Anthony on this issue."

This practice of including third party candidates makes for a debate where a wide range of issues are discussed, not merely the issues that Republicans and Democrats feel are "safe" to address.

As Nader himself observed, "it's the drab debating the dreary." A majority of the American public agrees with him, wanting a substantive debate rather than a scripted charade of meaningless dialogue.

A recent Zogby poll showed that more than 60 percent of likely voters want to see Nader in debates.

This would seem to be enough in a democratic nation such as ours to open the debates to Nader, but the CPD is far from being a democratic institution. Rather, it is a corporate-controlled commission, designed to restrict the American voters' options to Republican candidates.

Both candidates allowed in the debates and the Commission itself are fully funded by large corporations. Ralph Nader, consumer advocate and corporate watchdog, is their worst nightmare.

So what do you do when the salesperson fails to help you?

Well, I would probably tell him how ridiculous she or he is being, employing some "choice words" in the process, and check out the product on my own.

Amazingly, the Demo-publicans have not figured out how to restrict free speech yet, so you can find out information about Nader at www.votenader.org.

Our democracy has not yet deteriorated to the point of no return. There is still hope, and his name is Ralph Nader.

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Politics

Vice presidential candidates strive to enhance worth of party's ticket

Lieberman and Cheney approach their campaigns with different visions, goals

By Drew Paley
Staff Writer

Just as every superhero has a sidekick, a chosen partner in an attempt to appeal to the American public accompanies every presidential hopeful.

A quick review of history shows that running mates have been everything from the agreeable wallflower to the outspoken activist, from the background character who blends into his administration to a fresh voice that adds to his team's campaign.

In every case, the vice presidential hopeful is selected to fill out a campaign package with popularity, character, experience, eloquence, and intelligence.

In the 2000 campaign, vice presidential hopefuls Democrat Joseph Lieberman and Republican Dick Cheney are classic sidekicks.

Both are political veterans, savvy campaigners, and are filling in the gaps for their bosses in the time until their fates are known in November.

The Democratic vice presidential candidate

Joseph Lieberman, born in 1942, was elected to the Connecticut State Senate in 1970, three years after he graduated from Yale Law School. During his ten years of public service in the state Senate, he was an Assistant Dean at Yale and also practiced law.

Starting in 1982, Lieberman spent six years as the Attorney General of Connecticut before defeating Lowell Weicker for a seat in the U.S. Senate in 1988. In 1994 he was reelected by a margin of more than 67 percent.

The Gore 2000 campaign has praised Lieberman. In a 1994 New York Times article, the campaign said, "Congress would be a better place if more of his veteran colleagues were as good. In only one term, he has influenced the course of federal legislation for the benefit of Connecticut and the nation."

Lieberman built his political career on his reputation as a

defender of women's rights, the environment, welfare reform, and consumer rights. He's also been a proponent of increased funding for college loans, expanded tax deductions for college tuition, charter schools, and public funding to hire 100,000 new teachers nationwide.

The Republican vice presidential candidate

Dick Cheney, born in 1941, has an extensive political history. He got his start in politics in 1969 with the Nixon administration, a few years after he earned his bachelor of arts and masters degrees from the University of Wyoming.

In the Nixon administration, Cheney served on the Cost of Living Council and in the Office of Economic Opportunity, and worked within the White House. Cheney continued his service under Gerald Ford and was appointed Assistant to the President and White House Chief of Staff in 1975.

Cheney returned to

Wyoming in 1977 to serve in the United States House of Representatives for five consecutive terms. During this time, he was appointed Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee from 1981 to 1987, Chairman of the House Republican Conference in 1987, and House Minority Whip in 1988, according to the Bush 2000 campaign.

His speeches deal primarily with taxes and tax cuts, education reform, the state of the military, and Medicare.

He has also gone on the attack, claiming that the Democratic candidates' spending plan is a "swiss-cheese budget," chastising them for 'hypocrisy' for lashing out at Hollywood marketing and then turning around to 'schmooze' and take millions in contributions," according to Los Angeles Times reporter Megan Garvey.

Religion, morality and the White House

Lieberman's religious background makes him a wild card as a vice presidential candidate; if elected, he would be the first Jewish vice president in the nation's history.

When Gore made his choice, some wondered whether the campaign would try to downplay Lieberman's strong religious convictions. However, the opposite proved to be closer to the truth. Lieberman uses his religious groundings as a platform from which to promote the rest of the Gore campaign's positions.

In a recent interview with reporter Nancy Gibbs for Time Magazine, Lieberman quoted George Washington's warning "...to never suppose that 'morality can be maintained without religion,' and called for the nation to renew its dedication to 'God and God's purpose.'"

He then continued by likening "Al Gore to Joseph for shepherding the surplus to prepare for lean years ahead, and cast Clinton as Moses for parting the Red Sea with his economic program."

While some observers have worried about the deterioration of the separation between church and state, Lieberman's strong morality has helped distance Gore and his campaign from the scandals of the Clinton administration.

Lieberman was also one of the first Democratic senators to openly denounce the actions of President Clinton during the Monica Lewinsky debacle.

An honored secretary of Defense

Cheney presided over Operation Just Cause in Panama and Operation Desert Storm in the Middle East during his tenure as Secretary of Defense from 1989 through 1993.

Cheney "was responsible for shaping the future of the U.S. military in an age of profound and rapid change as the Cold War ended," according to the Bush 2000 campaign.

Because of his efforts as Secretary of Defense, Cheney was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George Bush in 1991.

Dual campaigns

In addition to his bid for vice president, Lieberman is simultaneously running for re-election to the United States Senate, a move that some say could hurt both his campaigns.

In an Associated Press article written by Brigitte Greenberg, Connecticut resident Chuck Scarlott said, "I find it hard to understand it is anything but self-serving."

Greenberg also cited a poll organized by Quinnipiac University that stated, "Nearly one in four [Connecticut] voters said they are less likely to vote for Lieberman for Senate because of his dual candidacies."

According to Connecticut State law, if Lieberman wins both elections, his senate seat would be filled at the discretion of the state's governor, a Republican.

The Democratic Party is currently attempting to close in on the Republican majority in the U.S. Senate, a lead they're maintaining with a 54-46 gap.

Different approaches to a shared goal in November

With nearly one month left before the election, the vice presidential hopefuls are trying to cover all the ground they can.

Lieberman has played the outspoken activist, marked his ground with the religion issue, and has now settled into the role of cheerleader.

Cheney has largely been a wallflower, letting the spotlight center on Bush, but recently has taken the initiative and become confrontational.

These two men have done their best to fill the varying roles of the vice president, but only time will tell who played the more convincing part and received the consent of the American public.

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Sports

Women's soccer team blessed by Pope's play

By Michelle Simard
Staff Writer

Balancing five classes, work-study, and a sizzling soccer season well under way, Sara Pope might be the busiest freshman around.

Pope, 17, has proved an important addition to the young soccer team led by captain Erin Kearney.

"Sara has a good fighting attitude. She's someone I wouldn't want to mess with," Kearney said.

Pope grew up in West Springfield, Mass., where she started playing soccer at age 5. In that time, her position on the field has varied widely, but she usually played center.

Here at St. Michael's, Pope plays either one of two forwards, or one of three forwards in the "triangle of death" line-up.

Pope had not considered St. Michael's until she received a letter from coach Marcel Choquette her senior year. Pope soon found out the school also had a good psychology department.

Though Pope played softball and basketball in high school, the



Photo courtesy of St. Michael's Athletic Department
In September, Sara Pope, right, was named the MVP of the St. Michael's Radisson Kickoff Classic.

buzz about her lately is goal scoring on the soccer team. Pope has scored six goals, and added one assist to the first eight games of the season.

So although Pope says she's "not very fast," something must be working for her.

Junior Hannah Beggan said

Pope is an awesome player. "Once Sara's on the field, you'd better get the hell out of her way," she said.

After their win against American International College on Sept. 28, the girls' record includes six wins, one tie, and one loss. Pope credits her coach,

"He works us hard, but everything he's doing is worth it," she said.

"I'm still learning about the team. I think the biggest strength of the team is the leadership. From sophomores to seniors, everyone has been great," Pope said.

"I watch what Hannah [Beggan] does," she said.

Coach Choquette commented on Pope's maturity, "She doesn't play like a freshman. She adds great composure in the attacking third of the field," he said.

Pope would not ever claim to be a finesse player, "I kind of plow through people," she says.

So what does this slightly overwhelmed freshman bring to the girls soccer team?

"Goals. She brings goals to the team," Beggan said.

Teammate Maureen Burgess said Pope exemplifies "intensity and hard work."

Franklin Pierce will most likely be the team's toughest competitor. "We know it's going to take everything we have to stay in the game," Pope said.

Maybe the most impressive

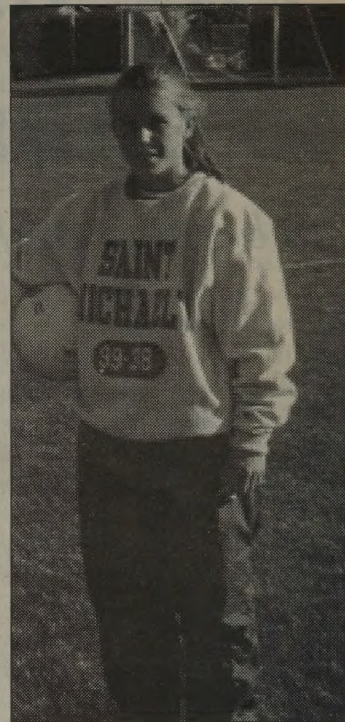


Photo by Sean McCarthy
Freshman Sara Pope has been a bright spot for the women's soccer team this season.

thing about Pope isn't at all about her game.

Teammate Kelly Sampar appreciates Pope's humility. "Sarah isn't jaded by all the attention she's getting for being such a superb player," she said.

Young volleyball team strives for improvement

By Sean McCarthy
Staff Editor

The St. Michael's College women's volleyball team is in the middle of its 2000 season and focused on improvement. The team is 1-5, but this is already a better record than last year, considering it went winless.

Though this record would be a slight improvement on last year's, the overall play of the team has been much improved, senior Valery Phillips said.

Phillips is the captain of the squad and doesn't think the record reflects how much better the team has played this year.

"The losses were to the top [teams] in our league, so it's not a good representation of how we're

"Our conference is very, very tough, but our program can still do a lot better in the conference than we do."

Betsy Cieplicki,
head volleyball coach

doing," Phillips said.

The schedule remains tough throughout the season. The team is facing good competition and is at home for only seven of its 19 games.

"We're pretty much away all the time. We don't have many home games. As far as the teams, we're seeing a lot of high levels

of volleyball. The NE-10 hasn't lowered in strength. They're still highly competitive," Phillips said.

Coach Betsy Cieplicki agrees that the NE-10 is still as powerful a conference as before.

"Our conference is very, very tough, but our program can still do a lot better in the conference than we do. We're getting there," she said.

This is also an extremely young team. Only four of its 12 players are upperclassmen, with Phillips being the only senior.

There are six freshmen, which constitutes half the team. That puts an added pressure on these younger players to become acclimated fast.

"The underclassmen have

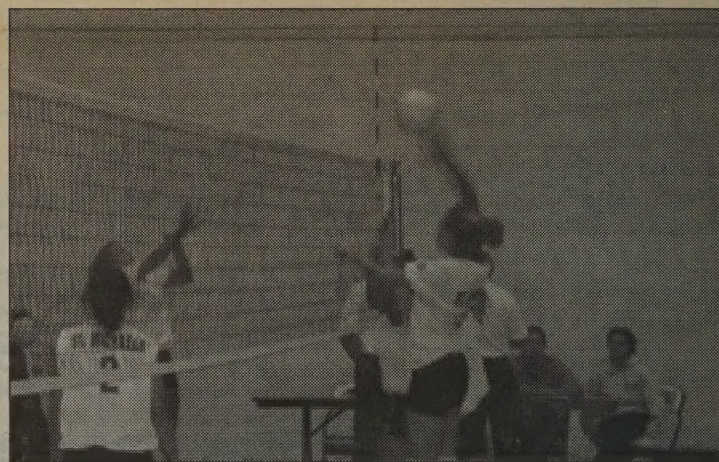


Photo by Sean McCarthy
The St. Michael's volleyball team warms up before a game on Sept. 28 against UMass-Lowell. The Lady Knights lost 3-0.

been great. [The freshman class] has brought in a lot of talent, and we have three freshmen starting. It's always hard when you have a lot of new players," Cieplicki said.

The upside of the large group of freshmen is the mere fact that it boosts the roster size and allows the team to have more flexibility with substitutions.

"We have a full team this year. We have 12 as opposed to eight last year. Basically anyone can get subbed out. About half our team is freshman, and they didn't take long to feel comfortable on the court," Phillips said.

Cieplicki acknowledges that having a larger team adds many intangibles to the team.

Among the things that are different from last year she lists depth, good passing, and more competition for positions and in practice.

Cieplicki said that the team is getting better, but she is thinking long term as well as short term.

"[Our expectations are] to improve our record from last year and to continue to build the program and team. It doesn't happen in one or two years, it is a slow process," she said.

Field hockey team remains undefeated

The St. Michael's field hockey team defeated UMass-Lowell, 2-0, at Doc Jacobs Field on Saturday.

The Lady Knights were led by senior Sarah Alves who scored St. Michael's first goal and assisted on the second.

Junior goalkeeper Meghan Scalley posted her fourth shutout of the season without even having to make a save.

The Lady Knights are 8-0 overall and 6-0 in the NE-10.

They are currently ranked fourth in the nation in Division II and could move up to No. 1.

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Sports

Olympic television ratings down

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As New York Times critic Caryn James puts it, the nightly line-up has become quite predictable.

"Lead in with a 15-second travelogue about Tasmania, go to Bob Costas' introduction, a feature on a little Chinese gymnast who sees her parents only twice a year, then a snippet of an actual competition ..."

St. Michael's students, however, seemed to be among the few million viewers who tuned in for the nightly Olympic action.

"Yeah, I have been watching the Olympics a lot since they started. I watch swimming, gymnastics and the high dive the most," Erin Hooper, class of 2003 said.

Some students were only watching because it was what was on or what their roommates were watching. Many students just left the coverage on in the

background, not really watching the events as they studied and wrote papers.

"I've been watching in sort of an off-handed way, because my housemates always have it on. In the past years I watched it a lot more than I do now, but I am too busy to watch the events night after night," senior Jamie Lennahan said.

Other students seemed to be watching just when their favorite events or athletes were on. Freshman Derron Martin made sure he tuned in for the track events when Michael Johnson or Marion Jones were competing.

Anyone who frequented the Rat in the past week would know that the Olympics have been watched on occasion, usually while students were playing pool, eating lunch or doing homework.

The channel of choice there seemed to be MSNBC, which tended to run live coverage during the day and left out all of the

personal stories and profiles.

International student Masashi Yamazaki believes that people in his home country, Japan, are watching the Olympics more than the people of the United States.

"I watched the Olympics growing up in Japan. This year I have not had time though, so I have not been watching," Yamazaki said.

Tamomi Ikemura, also from Japan, watched the coverage from Sydney.

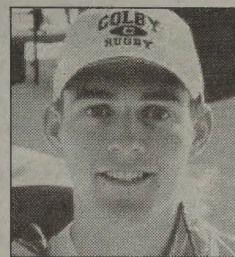
"I watched the Olympics growing up and I have tried to watch this year. I like to watch soccer the most," Ikemura said.

So while NBC Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol might have worried about the network's ratings and keeping the advertisers happy, there were at least some St. Michael's students that tuned in nightly for the coverage - some by default and some that were truly interested.



Knight Writer

'Dream Team' one big nightmare



By Seth Cole
Staff Writer

It's time to scratch the idea of the United States sending professionals to represent its men's Olympic basketball team. While the plan was initially a complete success, this year's dirty dozen is instead a complete mess.

Back in 1992, the U.S. gathered its first pro team to play in the Barcelona Olympics. The theory made absolute sense; if the rest of the world is sending its best players, why shouldn't we? Everyone predicted that the original "Dream Team" would crush the competition, and they were right. The 1992 version defeated its eight opponents by an average of 44 points.

The 1992 squad, which some people call the best team ever assembled, had fans and followers all across the globe. With perhaps the three greatest basketball players of all time in Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Larry Bird, plus a host of

other perennial all-stars, including Charles Barkley, Patrick Ewing and Karl Malone, this team was the darling of the Barcelona Games.

"It was like Elvis and the Beatles put together," said U.S. Coach Chuck Daly. "Traveling with the Dream Team was like traveling with 12 rock stars. That's all I can compare it to."

The plan worked so well, the U.S. decided to send pro hoopsters to the Atlanta Olympics in 1996. Coached by Lenny Wilkens, at the time the head coach of the hometown Atlanta Hawks, this group again won gold easily, never seriously threatened.

Furthermore, the team that the U.S. assembled was one the country wanted to root for. With a blend of veterans and rising superstars, the second Olympic Dream Team had style and character, much like the contingent four years earlier.

With success the first two times around, the U.S. gathered another pro team for this month's Games in Sydney, Australia. However, the third time hasn't been the charm, as this Dream Team has been more of a night-

mare than a delight.

One reason is that the best U.S. players aren't on the team. The near-unanimous NBA MVP, Shaquille O'Neal, decided to stay home and be with his newborn child then win a second gold medal. Only one holdover remains from the 1996 squad, Gary Payton. This year's team features relative unknowns, players such as Steve Smith, Antonio McDyess, and Shareef Abdur-Rahim.

Another reason is that the 2000 version lacks charisma. Unlike the first two teams, this group doesn't know how to perform for the crowd. As Chris Sheridan of abcnews.com said, "They all seem like good guys, they all have a good sense of humor, they all have a flair for showmanship. They just don't know how to show it."

This bad combination has turned the 2000 Dream Team into a cast of underachievers. Expected to once again demolish the rest of the field, the U.S., while still winning all its games, has received major scares in four of their first seven contests.

After easily defeating China and Italy in its first two games, the U.S. squeaked by Lithuania 85-76, a game not decided until the waning seconds. It was the closest margin of victory for the U.S. since professionals

began playing eight years ago.

Two games later, France scored 94 points against a porous U.S. defense and held a 10-point lead in the first half.

In their next match-up, a quarterfinal contest with Russia, the U.S. again found itself down by 10 points in the first half before rallying. And in their biggest scare yet, the Americans slipped past Lithuania again in the semifinals 85-83 as a shot to win at the buzzer for Lithuania missed.

It has gotten to the point where most of the world, including many Americans, wants to see the Dream Team lose.

Fans have reacted negatively to the physical play of the U.S., which included a shoving match with Russia during halftime of their contest. As USA Today's David DuPree writes, "The Dream Team has become the team everyone loves to hate."

Perhaps the first two Dream Teams set the bar too high. Maybe the rest of the world is catching up in the basketball scene. But when people in your own country want to see you lose, a change is definitely in order.



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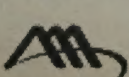
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Women's tennis eyeing NE-10 crown

Lady Knights boast 7-1 record overall, 5-1 in conference

By Dan Sullivan
Sports Editor

Posting a 5-1 start within the NE-10 conference and showing no signs of slowing down after blanking American International College 9-0 Sept. 28, the women's tennis team is making a strong bid for the NE-10 championship this season.

The team is 7-1 overall, with its only loss coming at the hands of Merrimack College in a close 5-4 defeat.

Five games remain in the regular season, including a rematch with Pace University.

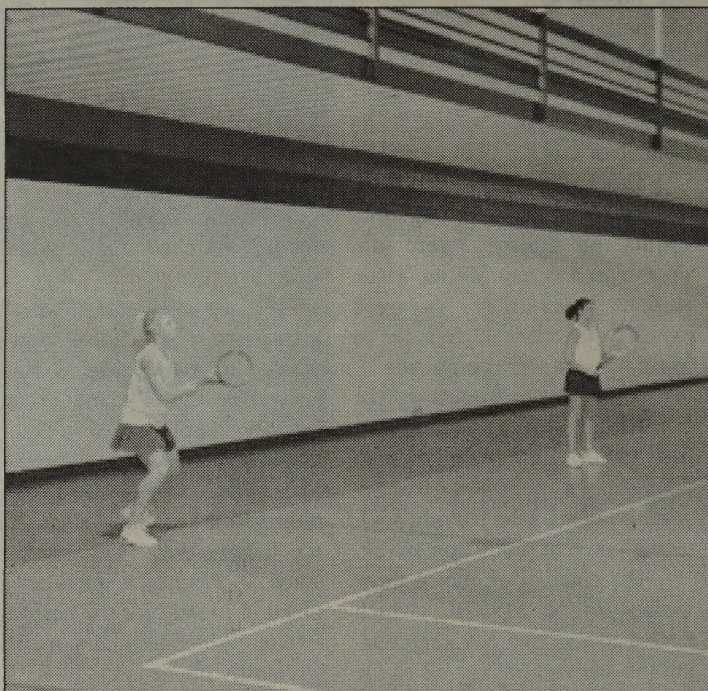
The Lady Knights were defeated by Pace in the semi-final round of the NE-10 playoffs last year.

Senior Mandy Puskas said Pace is generally considered the team to beat within the conference. However, Pace recently lost to Merrimack, making it clear to the Lady Knights that Pace is not indestructible and that they, like Pace, possess a strong shot at the title.

"That was kind of exciting because everybody thinks Pace is unbeatable," she said. "Now its like, 'Wow, we can really beat them.'"

The Lady Knights are scheduled to play Pace on Oct. 14.

Junior Rebecca Bayer would



Freshman Meagan Leahy, left, and junior Kate Harrison warm up before a Sept. 28 match against American International College at the Tarrant Center. The women won, 9-0.

Photo by Sean McCarthy

love nothing more than to come away with a victory.

Bayer said, "We just want to beat them even more just because [last year's match] was so close. I think we can do it."

Besides Pace, the team plays St. Anselm, Bryant, LeMoyné, and Bentley over the next three weeks. The next match is against St. Anselm on Oct. 7 at the Tarrant Center.

Head Coach Steve LaTulippe believes his team could do quite well in the playoffs if they "take care of their P's and Q's."

Junior captain Kate Harrison agrees.

"I think we have a really good shot at winning the NE-10 championship this year, but we have a lot of work to do between now and then," Harrison said.

Harrison shares captain duties with fellow juniors Bayer and Kristen Culgin. According to Harrison, three out of the next five games will be very tough.

Successful outings versus Bryant, Pace, and Bentley will be crucial to the team's success in the NE-10 playoffs she said.

Kelly Spellman, the team's No. 1 singles and doubles player from last season, graduated last May, leaving a large hole in the roster to fill. The team added four freshmen to compensate.

Thus far, the additions of Meghan Donoghue, Tarryn Kalil, Meagan Leahy, and Courtney Murphy have played a vital role in the team's success.

Murphy is undefeated as the team's No. 4 singles player and also as a member of the No. 3 doubles, and Leahy and Harrison, the squad's No. 2 doubles tandem, are also undefeated at 8-0.

"They have done a great job and all have contributed," Coach LaTulippe said of his four freshmen. "They have all made significant contributions."

The coach credited the team's hard work and eagerness to listen and learn as reasons for its success.

"There has been good leadership and they are hard workers in practice," he said. "The biggest thing is that they are very coachable."

Olympic television ratings way down in U.S.

Nielsen ratings plummet drastically from Atlanta Games

By Rachel Purdy
Staff Writer

The United States won more than 60 medals in the 2000 Sydney, Australia Summer Olympics this year. The question is, how many people actually saw these victories?

According to Nielsen ratings, in the first nine days of the Olympics, NBC only received a 14.6 rating. Each Nielsen rating point is worth approximately 1.01 million households in the United States. The network had promised its advertisers at least a 16 rating - 9.3 percent higher than the ratings it has been able to produce.

According to the New York Times, the Sydney Summer Olympics' ratings are 35 percent lower than the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia, 22 percent from the 1992 games in Barcelona, Spain and 18 percent from the 1988 games in Seoul, North Korea.

There are a number of reasons for this decline in viewers. With a 15-hour time difference between the U.S. and Australia, it is very difficult to air the events as they happen.

Most people were reading in the paper or hearing on the news the results of the events that they would not even watch until prime

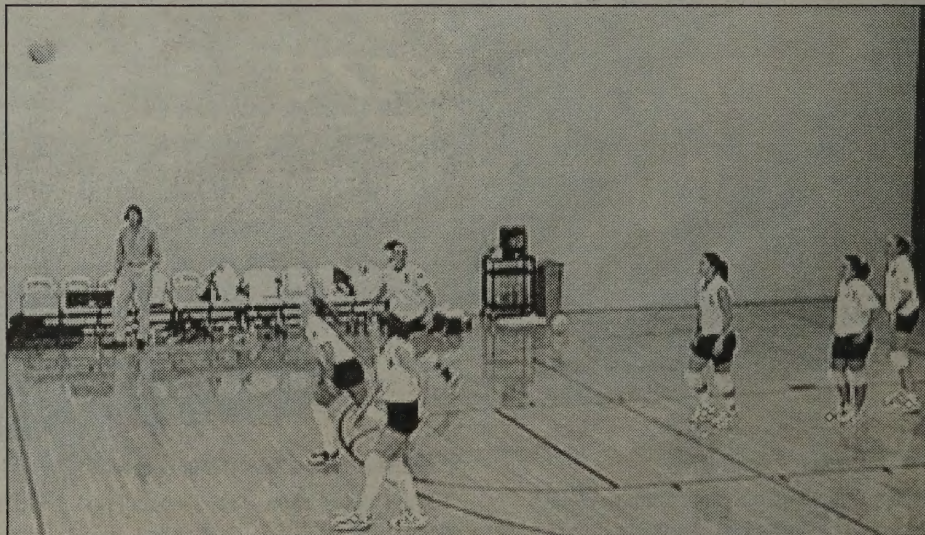
time that same night.

There were many complaints that the coverage was too full of commentary and melodramatic

features about the athletes.

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Volleyball team aims to turn season around



The St. Michael's volleyball team is 1-5 this season.

Photo by Sean McCarthy

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